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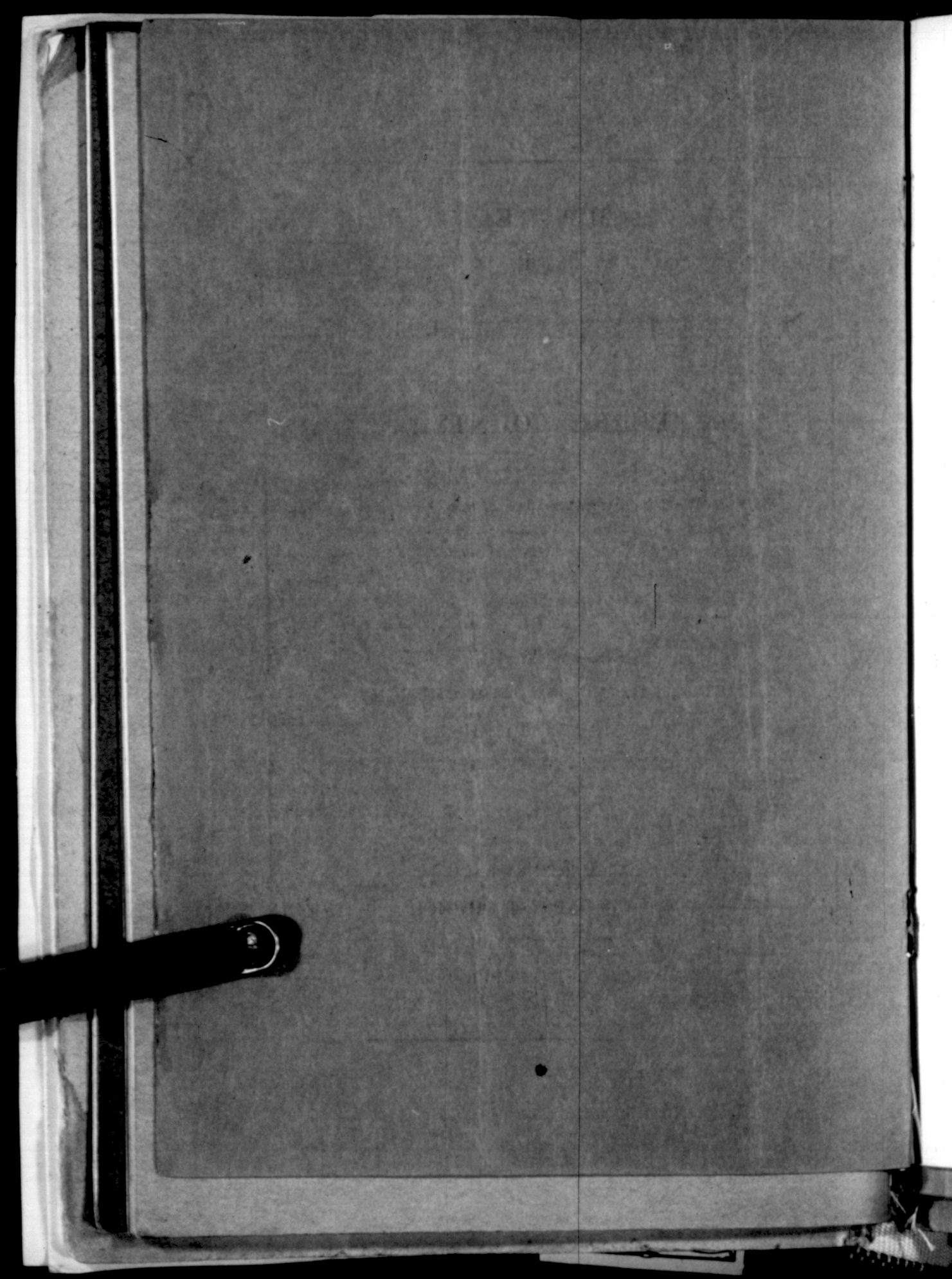
MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

LEAKE COUNTY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
FORMERLY HARMONY

HELD WITH THE
STANDING PINE BAPTIST CHURCH
LEAKE COUNTY, MISS.
SEP. 25, 26, 27, 1925

NEXT MEETING PLACE
CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH
TIME: FRIDAY BEFORE 4TH
SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1926

Sept. 24



PROCEEDINGS

LEAKE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The seventy-fifth annual session of Leake County Baptist Association (formerly Harmony Association) met with Standing Pine Baptist Church, Friday, September 25, 1925, being Friday before the fourth Sunday of the month.

After devotional services, which were conducted by Rev. P. C. Barnett, and prayer by Rev. G. O. Parker, the body proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, Dr. A. M. Barnett being elected Moderator and M. M. Keith, Clerk and Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for but none presented.

Moderator appointed following Finance Committee: L. A. McKee, T. J. Barnett, Everett Gunter.

Following brethren were welcomed as Corresponding Messengers: Rev. P. C. Barnett from Newton County Association and representative of Home Mission Board; Rev. G. O. Parker from Newton County Association; Rev. J. L. Comans from St. Pisgah Association.

The Moderator appointed following Committee on Enrollment: W. L. Pearson, Z. T. Oxner, C. H. Chamblee.

Hour for the Introductory Sermon having arrived, business was suspended to hear the sermon, which was preached by Rev. G. W. Nutt.

Motion prevailed to recess until 1:30 P. M.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

After prayer by Rev. P. C. Barnett the body proceeded with the transaction of business.

Moderator announced Committee on Devotional Services as follows: Pastor and Deacons of Standing Pine Baptist Church.

Report on Woman's Work made by Miss Mattie C. Wright. Discussed Revs. G. W. Nutt, J. L. McMillon, A. M. Langston and A. M. Barnett and adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

The Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi is endeavoring to go forward under the watchword of the year, which is: "Go Ye into all the world; and ye shall be my witnesses."

The methods adopted for the carrying out of this endeavor are three fold: First, The unified program. Every organization is urged to accept the program as given out by the State Board to the individual church; and to see that all funds collected by the W. M. U. are handled by the church treasurer.

Second, The W. M. U. at its State meeting adopted the tithe as the minimum offering of each member.

Third, The W. M. U. is making every effort to organize societies in our rural churches. To this end, the State W. M. U. is endeavoring to secure the sum of \$600 promised by the Sunday School Board to the State, provided we raise an equal amount for this purpose.

It is very important that we organize young people's unions in all our churches so we may lead them into paths of joyous responsibility and train them for world-wide service.

The accomplishment of these tasks will not come by

accident, our hearts must be fixed on it. We must have a mind to work, and pray the Lord to "establish the work of our hands." Therefore the W. M. U. asks the prayerful cooperation of the association in the carrying out of these aims.

Respectfully submitted,
MATTIE C. WRIGHT.

Report on Hospitals made by Rev. A. M. Langston. Report prepared by State Board and one furnished by Baptist Memorial Hospital read. Verbal report also made. Report discussed by Revs. A. M. Langston, G. B. Smalley, G. O. Parker, A. M. Barnett and P. C. Barnett and Matthew Lyle. Report adopted.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Your Hospital is nearing the close of its fifteenth year and the work has developed amazingly since its origin. During that time it has cared for hundreds of patients. The free work alone running into thousands of dollars combined with free services of its doctors in the relief of suffering humanity.

At the present time we have about completed our \$50,000.00 Nurses Home. We will owe a balance of \$27,000.00 on the building, and we are badly in need of funds to furnish this building, which will cost within the neighborhood of \$7,000.00 to furnish rooms, living room and chapel. Our work has increased so rapidly that we are badly in need of a new wing to include a Clinical Laboratory, Physio Therapy department and out-patient department, pharmacy and delivery room, so that we may keep abreast with the medical profession in a scientific way.

We have 43 bed rooms, one living room, one Matron's office, three dens, one kitchenette, and one chapel. The

furniture we need for the bed rooms (they are designed for two in a room) is twin beds, (prefer metal mahogany,) two mattresses, two pillows, two chairs, one dresser, one bed-side table, one reading lamp, two rugs, two blankets, eight sheets, two pillow cases, three scarfs, two shades and curtains. The approximate cost of furnishing a bed room, as mentioned, would be \$150.00, or probably a little less if bought all together. The living room should be furnished with good substantial modern furniture, including a sectional book case, for approximately \$500.00. If each hospital auxiliary could see their way clear to furnish a room or get someone interested in doing so, it will be quite a help and a splendid thing for them to do for the nurses, for they give their services for the benefit of suffering humanity and deserve at least a comfortable place to rest, and we are not asking for any luxuries for them.

THE BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The hospital opened for patients July 12th, 1912. In these thirteen years more than 85,000 patients have been admitted; during 1924, 11,567 were admitted and the first six months of this year, 5,537.

The administration has made improvements this year in beautifying and adding to the comfort of the building. Conditions for charity patrons have been much improved by moving the wards to the second floor.

The free service for the first six months of 1925 amounted to \$64,023.41; of this \$53,464.61 was in the charity wards. The complimentary service for ministers and their dependents amounted to \$3,039.30, and the balance was in doctors and nurses discounts, etc. The total amount expended in operating the hospital the six months was \$192,739.83.

The training school had 57 graduates this year; its largest class. This leaves room for other qualified appli-

cants.

Pastor M. D. Jeffries has entered upon his eighth year of service in the hospital and the work moves on.

Mr. A. E. Jennings is Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. Geo. D. Sheats General Superintendent, M. D. Jeffries, Pastor, and Miss Myrtle Archer is Superintendent of Nurses.

Report on Publications made by Rev. J. L. McMillon.
Discussed by Revs. J. L. McMillon, G. O. Perker, R. C. Barham and adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

Ours is not a day wanting in publications but a day wanting in the proper discrimination between the publications that we now have. The civilized world is overflowing with religious publications; we not only have the best and the worst, but every niche between the two great extremes is packed to overflowing. Millions of money are flowing in a continuous stream to the support of an overworked press where each class or creed, or individual, or individual's followers are industriously endeavoring to convict and convince the world to his or their way of thinking. Many of the present publications are based upon the whole Bible and prove of great value in the honest study of the Bible. The great mass of the stuff now coming from the press, however, is gotten out by the blinded emissaries of the devil to lure an innocent and unsuspecting public from the true and narrow way of life to the way of death.

All religious publications not strictly founded on the whole Bible are corrupting and therefore bad. We believe that one of the greatest responsibilities now resting on the Baptist ministry is the proper directing of Baptist reading. That it may so direct, it is imperative that the ministry be

well rooted and grounded in the Baptist doctrines founded, as they are, upon the whole Bible.

The seriousness of this subject demands the careful and prayerful consideration of our Baptist papers without any mixture of the jocular and frivolous.

The First Baptist Church of which we are descendants, was built and we are built upon the saddest and most shocking incident known to man.

The Bible should always be read and considered in connection with any and all publications.

While we favor and support the State papers, we would not in any way hinder the individual and independent publications.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee,

By J. L. McMILLON, Chairman.

Report on Orphanage made by Rev. G. B. Smalley.
Discussed by Revs. G. B. Smalley, R. C. Barham, and G. W. Nutt and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

We, your Committee on the Baptist Orphanage submit the following report:

There have been in the Orphanage during the year an average of 172 children. There are now in the Home 177.

The health of the children has been generally good, although there have been five operations for appendicitis, and 29 for tonsillitis. The health of the children is excellent now, and has been during the Spring and Summer.

The orphanage has had an 8 months school during the year and the majority of the pupils made their grades. A good Sunday School and Intermediate Junior B. Y. P. U. are maintained, 19 of the children were baptized into the

fellowship of Davis Memorial Church during the last revival in this church. A fine crop has been made on the Home farm.

The finances of the Home are running low. You have doubtless learned by reading the Gem that the institution is not getting more than one third of its expenses. The surplus fund that the Home has been drawing on for two years is about exhausted, and it is necessary for the Institution to look to the churches for support. If all the churches would make liberal contributions to our Benevolent cause, the Orphanage, as well as other objects, would be amply provided for. The officials of the Home have submitted the care of these orphan children to the churches and associations. Surely we will not disappoint them, for we know they are worthy of our generous support.

Respectfully submitted,
G. B. SMALLEY.

On motion Clerk was instructed to furnish the Baptist Record copy of Report on Publications with request that same be published in the Record.

Following resolution introduced by Rev. J. L. McMillon:

"Be it resolved that the Leake County Baptist Association of the State of Mississippi hereby express its abiding conviction that man came into this world by direct creation of God, as recorded in the book of Genesis, and not by Evolution."

Resolution discussed by Rev. J. L. McMillon, Rev. G. W. Nutt, Rev. A. M. Langston, Rev. R. C. Barham, C. H. Nazary, L. A. McKee, Rev. B. F. Odum and Dr. A. M. Barnett, but no vote on the resolution taken at this time.

Committee on Devotional Services reported that Rev. B. F. Odum conduct devotional services Saturday morning.

On motion 11:00 o'clock A. M. of next day was set as hour to consider report on General Missions.

Motion prevailed to adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. B. F. Odom and prayer was offered by Bro. J. D. Ellington.

Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

DIGEST OF LETTERS—Walter Thomas, W. L. Pearson, O. H. Barnett.

NOMINATIONS—D. J. Britt, E. R. Pickle, W. C. Underwood.

Finance Committee reported \$71.40 sent up for associational purposes and \$64.75 for missions.

Following resolution introduced by Rev. J. L. McMillon was adopted by the Association:

A RESOLUTION CREATING AN ASSOCIATION BOARD

Whereas the Leake County Baptist Association only meets once in each year and the allotted time in that meeting is wholly inadequate for the proper consideration of the many important matters which annually come before it, Therefore, be it resolved by the Leake County Baptist Association now assembled:

1. That we reconsecrate ourselves to a more earnest, harmonious and sacrificing service of our Lord and Master.
2. That, for the effectual performance of such service, this association now constitute an executive board to be composed of two members in good standing from each church in the association, said members to be selected annually by the respective churches.
3. Said executive board shall meet on Saturday before

fifth Sunday in each month at 10 o'clock A. M., at a place to be fixed by it.

4. It shall be the duty of said executive committee to carefully consider any and all matters and things pertaining to church work which may come before it and to report its findings or recommendations thereon to the respective churches of the association and to all other bodies as the circumstances may demand.

5. That each church in the association be and it is hereby requested to consider all questions pertaining to the co-operative work of the churches composing the association, the co-operative work of the State Convention, the State Convention Board and the Southern Baptist Convention and, through its representatives on this board, make known its wishes pertaining to all co-operative work now being done through the county association and through the other co-operative bodies of the denomination.

6. The officers of this committee shall be a chairman and secretary, to be selected annually by the committee. The terms of office of the members of this committee shall expire each year with the adjourning of the annual association, or when their respective successors in office shall have been selected by the church.

7. The committee may meet in called session upon three days' notice by the chairman, or upon the call of the members from three churches.

Resolution on the creation of man was taken up for further consideration. After being discussed by Rev. J. L. McMillon, resolution was adopted.

Report on Sustentation made by M. P. Hendrick. Discussed by M. P. Hendrick and adopted.

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION

From the Minutes of the Baptist State Convention (1924) we learn these facts:

The Board of Ministerial Relief of the S. B. C. is assisting 49 ministers and 16 widows of ministers in Mississippi. The average amount given these is \$9.90 per month. In addition to this our State W. M. U. renders substantial help to many of these dependent ones.

But the needs exceed the funds available.

Your Committee,

M. P. HENDRICK, Chairman.

Report on Christian Education made by L. A. McKee. Discussed by L. A. McKee and Rev. W. L. Meadows and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Baptists of Mississippi have reason to be proud of their colleges.

The Woman's College, with property valued at \$350,000.00, a faculty of 30 members, and an enrollment of around 500 is doing a great work for the girls.

Blue Mountain College, with an attendance of around 350 is also an important factor in the girl-life of our state.

She claims to have furnished more Baptist women in Foreign Mission fields from Mississippi, than the other colleges in the state combined. How far reaching is her influence.

Clark College, a Co-educational Junior college, with a doubled enrollment within the past two years, and expenses less than any school in the state, offering the same advantages, is rendering a distinct service to the Baptist cause

in East Mississippi. Mississippi College—For men and boys. Place—Clinton. Time—Every year since 1850. Purpose—Christian Education. Results—Hundreds of men scattered all over this world, whose strong Christian characters have been, are, and will be a blessing to mankind.

The faculty numbers 21; the enrollment about 500 and the present endowment \$650,000.00

All have strong B. Y. P. U., S. S. and W. M. U. forces.

L. A. McKEE.

Report on General Missions, which was prepared by Dr. J. W. W. Lyle, was read by Rev. G. W. Nutt, Dr. Lyle not being present.

Preaching hour having arrived, Rev. W. L. Meadows was invited to preach, which he did.

On motion body recessed until 1:30 P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

After prayer by Rev. W. M. Parkes, body proceeded with the transaction of business.

Report on General Missions was discussed by Rev. G. W. Nutt and report adopted.

GENERAL MISSIONS

In spite of the heavy burden of debt of the Boards, and the retrenchments made necessary by lack of funds, greater results have been obtained, in proportion to the money expended, than ever before; and the fields are riper and more responsive to the call of our Lord than ever before. If the Boards only had the funds to send and support those who are ready and anxious to go, a greater work could be done. There would be no debt or lack of funds if we Southern Baptist had

paid into the Lord's Treasury what we promised to pay.

Our Missionaries on the foreign fields baptized 12,134 last year. Many of the older churches are self supporting and some are supporting mission stations besides, which grow into churches. Space forbids mentioning many interesting details of the work.

Notwithstanding the forced retrenchments made by the Home Board, it has had a year of wonderful results.

With 1,077 missionaries there were 30,027 additions to the churches by baptism, 210 churches organized, 608 Sunday Schools constituted and 12,995 Bible and Testaments distributed. The need for more funds is necessary to hold what we have won, remove the debt and go into new fields that are calling for the Gospel.

We haven't the statistics to make a comprehensive report on State Missions. However, the state has paid into the 1925 program from Jan. 15 to Sept. 1st, \$144,695.59, of which 13 churches of Leake County Association paid \$803.10, two churches paying \$428.50 of that. Nineteen churches have paid nothing so far.

Let us remember that in the long ago we heard of our Lord through Missionaries. So let us show our appreciation by sending the Gospel Light all over the world.

J. W. W. LYLE.

Report on Prohibition made by Rev. W. M. Parkes, F. E. Leach, the appointee, not being present. Report discussed by Rev. W. M. Parkes, Rev. W. L. Meadows and Dr. A. M. Barnett.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION

We contend earnestly for prohibition because it is the only means whereby we can attain peace.

With the free flow of intoxicating liquors it does not only take from us peace and happiness but it is destructive to the physical and intellectual powers.

Therefore we solicit the support and cooperation of every citizen and most earnestly do we urge the support and cooperation of every Baptist within the confines of the Leake County Baptist Association in the enforcement of the prohibition laws as well as moral and spiritual principles.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. PARKES.

Committee on Nominations made following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We, your committee, report as follows:

Place of meeting of next Association—Corinth church.
(Salem and Friendship also ask for it.)

To preach Introductory Sermon—Rev. J. L. McMillon.
Alternate—Rev. B. F. Odom.

To write report on General Missions—T. J. Barnett.

Woman's Work—Sister G. B. Smalley.

Hospitals—Dr. A. M. Barnett.

Publications—M. M. Keith.

Orphanage—Sister Willie Fowler.

Sunday Schools—L. A. McKee.

Prohibition—M. P. Hendrick.

Christian Education—B. J. Barnett.

Sustentation—Rev. G. B. Smalley.

Training our Children for Service—Sister Mittie McMillon.

Delegate to S. B. C.—Dr. A. M. Barnett. Alternate—Rev. J. L. McMillon. We recommended that this Association pay expenses of said delegate to the S. B. C.

Member of Convention Board from this Association—
Rev. J. L. McMillon.

We also recommend that this Association appoint some one to look after the B. Y. P. U. work of this county.

E. R. PICKLE,
D. J. BRITT,
W. C. UNDERWOOD.

On motion Rev. G. W. Nutt was asked to prepare report on B. Y. P. U. for next Association.

On motion Clerk was allowed usual fee for his services.
Association adjourned until 10:00 A. M. Sunday.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

After a song and prayer by Rev. W. M. Parkes, business was resumed.

Appointee to make report on Sunday Shools not being present, Rev. J. L. McMillon was asked to discuss Sunday School work.

On motion Clerk was requested to prepare for publication in minutes report on Sunday Schools, in event appointee had not prepared said report.

Following resolution, introduced by Rev. W. M. Parkes, was adopted by the Association:

"To the People of Standing Pine Church and Community:

We extend our heartfelt thanks for your hearty reception and hospitality that we have received in your church and homes. We pray that God's blessings ever abide with you in your efforts to worship Him in spirit and in truth".

On motion time for first meeting of the Executive Board was changed to Monday, October 24, said meeting to be held with Carthage Baptist Church at Carthage, Miss.

Preaching hour having arrived, Rev. R. B. Gunter preached to a large and appreciative congregation.

On motion Association adjourned to meet with Corinth

Baptist Church on Friday before fourth Sunday in September, 1925, at 10.00 o'clock A. M. Church is located twelve miles north of Carthage, one-half mile west of Carthage and Kosciusko highway.

A. M. BARNETT, Moderator.

M. M. KEITH, Clerk.

ENROLLMENT OF MESSENGERS

Rocky Point—Kirk Pickle, E. K. Moore, G. W. Lee, W. H. Pickle.
 Springfield—W. Chamblee, W. I. Thaggard, Monroe Adams.
 Renfroe—J. O. Bynum, E. R. Pickle, R. A. Ashcraft.
 Midway—C. H. Nazary, A. R. Jackson.
 Friendship—G. W. Nutt, J. M. Lyle, A. H. Townsend, M. P. Hendrick, B. J. Barnett.
 Wake Forest—J. D. Ellington.
 Pearl Hill—Lee Smith, Choice Beckham.
 Salem—H. B. Beauchamp, W. P. Brock, O. E. Goolsby.
 Thomastown—B. F. Odom.
 Mt. Carmel—I. C. Fortenberry, Mrs. Willie Fowler.
 Walnut Grove—L. A. McKee, Z. T. Oxner, J. O. Jones.
 Good Hope—J. H. Fletcher, R. H. Wiggins.
 Pleasant Hill—R. F. Hollingsworth, W. W. Taylor.
 Damascus—W. C. Underwood.
 Standing Pine—L. Barnett, R. C. Wright.
 Center Hill—R. M. Allen, H. C. Kemp.
 New Hope—C. F. Reeves, D. McDonald.
 Corinth—R. L. Collins, B. E. Rawson, Bunyan Davies.
 Carthage—G. B. Smalley, J. L. McMillon, M. M. Keith.
 New Providence—W. L. Pearson.
 Madden—Ross Thomas, Mrs. Thomas.
 Plymouth—C. H. Chamblee, R. M. Chamblee.
 Mt. Zion—Harvey Jones, Billy Jones, W. T. Thomas, G. E. Gunter, B. F. Brantley, J. L. Owens.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

In this report, prepared by the Clerk in compliance with the request of the Association, we shall report on Sunday Schools in the Leake County Baptist Association only. Less than fifty per cent of the churches in the Association

maintain Sunday Schools. Eleven schools were reported this year. These reports, however, are very incomplete. Enrollment in many of the schools is not given and we are unable to ascertain total enrollment of the eleven schools reported.

Most of the churches in the towns and villages of the county report Sunday Schools. Most of the churches located in the country are neglecting this department of the work.

Too little stress, we fear, is given Sunday School work and an awakening along this line is needed.

REPORT OF TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Bal. from 1924.....	\$36.24
Good Hope Church.....	4.05
Carthage Church.....	5.00
Finance Committee.....	88.37
Mt. Zion Church.....	4.50
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayo 75 Million Fund.....	10.00
Total.....	\$148.16

EXPENDITURES

R. B. Gunter (for Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayo).....	\$10.00
The Carthaginian, Printing Minutes.....	50.00
Clerk's Fee.....	15.00
Cash on Hand.....	73.16
Total.....	\$148.16

Respectfully,

M. M. KEITH,

Clerk and Treasurer.

OUR DEPARTED

Carthage—Mrs. May Gross, J. H. Hutchins.

Center Hill—M. D. Allen, J. B. Fulton.

Corinth—B. W. Rawson, St. Clair Rone.

Friendship—Mrs. Ouda W. Lyle.

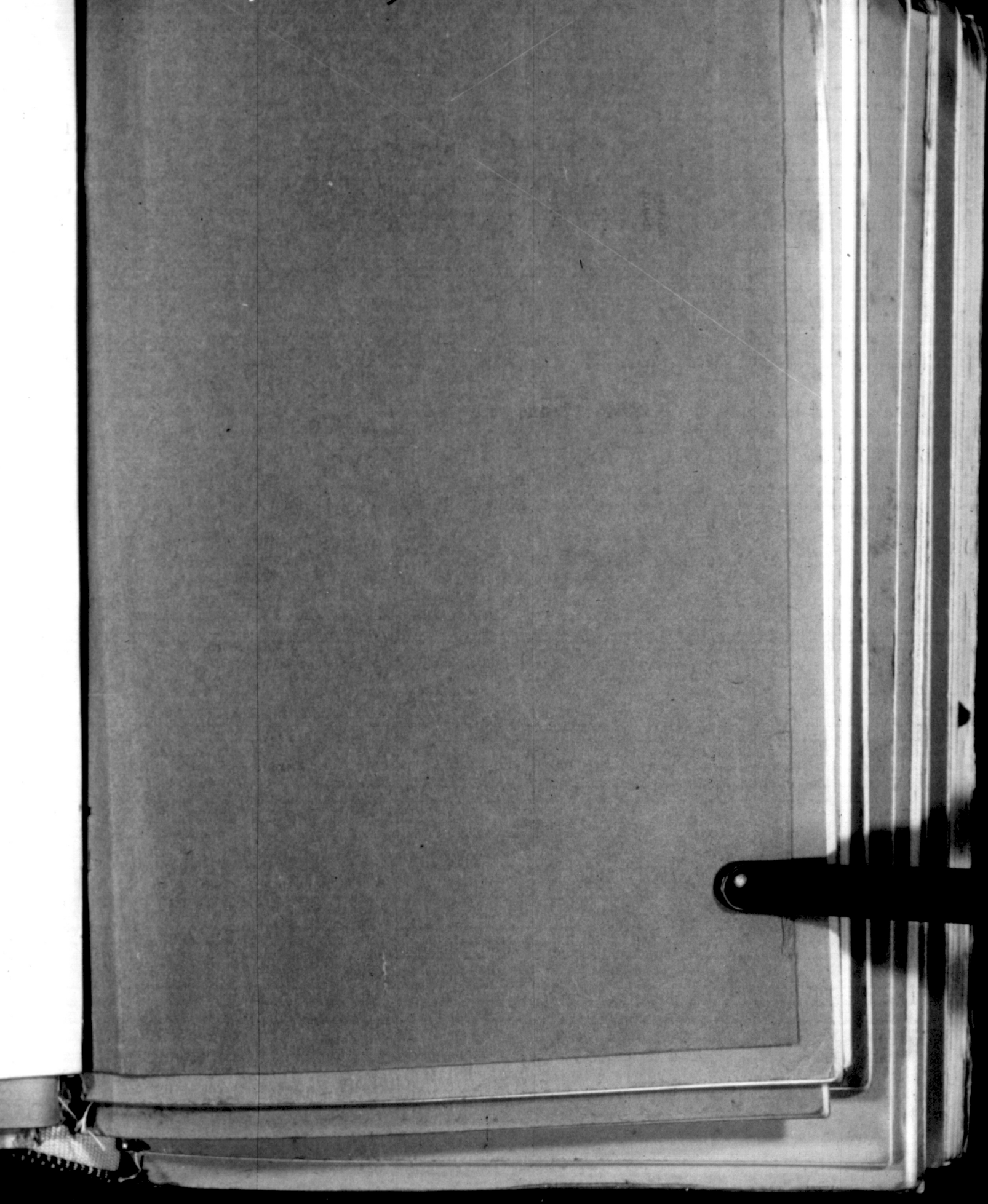
Mt. Zion—A. M. Thomas, Mrs. Ann Brantley, Mrs. Lena

Lewis, Mrs. Levi Allen, J. W. Jordan.

Rocky Point—Jessie Alderman, Mrs. William Wood, S. A.

Lee, D. M. Fulton, Malinda Dabbs.

Wake Forest—Roda Moore.



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